

Kettering Buccleuch Academy

Welcome to Transition Evening



Miss Buckenham
Principal

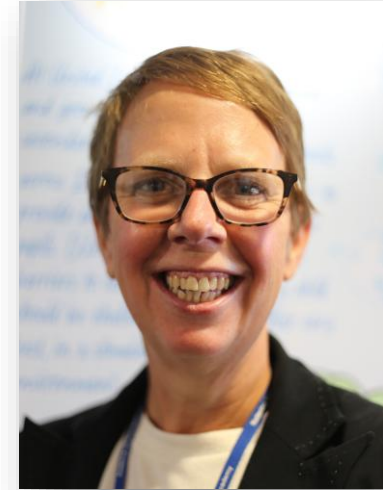
Meet the team



Mr James Hunter
Head of Year 7




Mrs Danielle Hill
Assistant Head of Year 7



Mrs Caroline Hawthorn
Year 7 Safeguarding Manager

Who are we?

Success

what people think
it looks like

Success

what it really
looks like



Valued, encouraged, cared for, equipped



Vision & Values

United in **Community**
Driven by **Excellence**
Guided by **Integrity**
Rooted in **Kindness**

Foundations to futures



Character defines us

Our Mission

Bringing out the best in every child so they succeed academically, grow in character and go on to thrive in life.

Expectations

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| ADJECTIVE |

1. UNUSUAL; NOT TYPICAL.
2. UNUSUALLY GOOD; OUTSTANDING

Curriculum

In Year 7, students will have 25 lessons per week as part of a two-week timetable.

They will study:

- English and Maths – 8 lessons per fortnight
- Science – 7 lessons per fortnight
- Geography, History, MFL, PE – 4 lessons per fortnight
- Music, Art and RE – 2 lessons per fortnight
- Computer science, DT, Drama, Food and Nutrition, PHRSE (PDC) – 1 lesson per fortnight

There are lots of enrichment clubs for your child to take part in.

Please look out for more details which will be shared with you in September.

School Uniform

We have relentlessly high expectations of our students across all aspects of school life. Our uniform is very important us; it defines us visually and creates equity. Students are required to wear:

- Black shoes – polishable (**no trainers of any kind including Nike Airforce**)
- White shirt – formal style with collar that can be buttoned up
- Black trousers – formal style (**no leggings, jegging or capri styles**)
- School skirt – checked or black branded skirts only
- School shorts – KBA branded only
- KBA blazer
- KBA House tie
- KBA PE kit; t-shirt, hoodie and PE trousers/leggings, shorts/skort
- School jumpers are optional. Please do not buy an alternative jumper or skirt as these are not permitted.
- Extreme hair styles are not permitted and hair must be a natural colour.
- Students are permitted one stud earring per ear only. Other jewellery is not permitted.
- Smart watches / phones are not permitted. Headphones and Air Pods (or equivalent) are also not allowed.

School Uniform



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Miss Dale
Vice Principal

Expectations

Teaching staff are well trained in developing routines and will provide reminders until routines are established. If a student's behaviour stops the lesson from continuing, they will be given a 'Move' which requires them to move seats in order to resettle

If another incident occurs which prevents classroom teaching the student will be directed to our Reflection Room to complete some reflective work and work in line with our curriculum. A successful period in Reflection ends after 2 lessons and a period of free-time.

Reasonable adjustments are constantly reviewed in conjunction with pastoral and SEND staff.

Restorative Practice is an important part of our behaviour systems to ensure we are supporting to show integrity, to reflect and ultimately to always aim to be better tomorrow where things have gone wrong.

Expectations

We are a 'Telling School'.

This means we encourage students to let us know about things that are bothering them, no matter how small

Reports can be made to a tutor, a teacher, a duty member of staff or via our dedicated reporting email address reportaconcern@kba.uk

Reports are checked every day and escalated as needed

Senior leaders take a personal interest in these reports and will complete 'Check-ins' until we know the unkind behaviour has completely stopped

Expectations

Rewards:

Character cards & points (Arbor)

Weekly Prize Draw

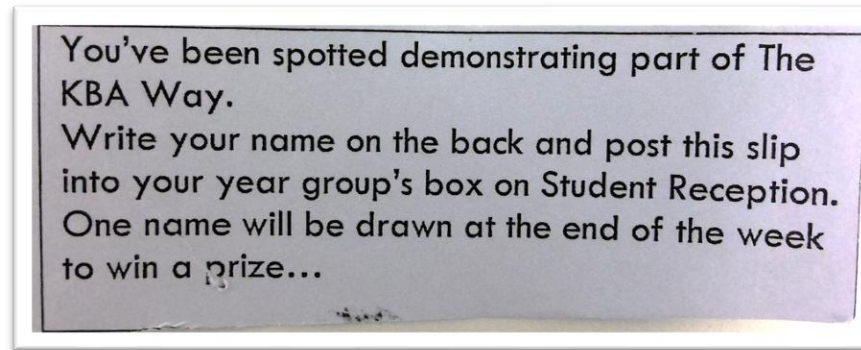
Half Termly Prize Draw

End of Year Prizes

Weekly Celebration Station

House Points

Regular communication from teachers, middle and senior leaders via phone calls, in-app messages and letters



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Mr Henton
Senior Vice Principal

Attendance

If your child is to make the most of the opportunities and learning experiences that are provided at KBA, they must be in school as much as possible.

We ask all students to aim for a **minimum of 96% attendance** – this equates to no more than one day of absence during an 8-week period.

Students **must arrive on time for an 8:30 start each day**. Make sure you have planned your journey times for September to ensure your child is not late.

Where possible we ask that **medical and dental appointments** are made outside of the school day.

If you take your child out of school during term-time for a family holiday, you may face a **fixed penalty notice** fine.



The more days of school that
a child misses, the less chance
they will have of developing
the necessary skills and knowledge
to be successful at school.

They also miss opportunities
to develop friendships and
a sense of belonging.



Attendance

Regular school attendance helps children make the most of their learning, building confidence and skills through consistent participation in lessons.

Being in school every day also supports positive social interactions, helping children develop friendships, teamwork, and a sense of belonging within the school community.

We warmly encourage good attendance as it plays an important role in nurturing character, resilience, and lifelong positive habits.

ONE BAND BETTER

GUIDE TO ABSENCE BANDS



ABSENCE BAND	ATTENDANCE RANGE
BAND 1	95% to 100% attendance
BAND 2	90% to 95% attendance
BAND 3	85% to 90% attendance
BAND 4	80% to 85% attendance
BAND 5	75% to 80% attendance
BAND 6	70% to 75% attendance
BAND 8	60% to 65% attendance

ABSENCE BAND	ATTENDANCE RANGE
BAND 9	55% to 60% attendance
BAND 10	50% to 55% attendance
BAND 11	40% to 50% attendance
BAND 12	30% to 40% attendance
BAND 13	20% to 30% attendance
BAND 14	10% to 20% attendance
BAND 15	0% to 10% attendance



EVERY POINT
MATTERS.



EVERY STUDENT
MATTERS.



EVERY IMPROVEMENT
MATTERS.

>> BE HERE. ★ BE ON TIME. ★ BE ONE BAND BETTER.



United Learning
The best from everyone



BATTLE OF THE BANDS



ONE BAND BETTER

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Every student has a starting point. Every student has the chance to move up.

Let's see which tutor group can climb the highest!

HOW TO EARN POINTS



WIN

3 POINTS

Move up one band



DRAW

1 POINT

Stay in the same band



LOSS

0 POINTS

Move down a band



BONUS POINT

+3 POINTS

Maintain Band 1 (Stop the Drop!)

★ CLIMB THE CHARTS ★

EARN POINTS AND RISE TO THE TOP!

CHART POSITION	FESTIVAL STAGE	POINTS TO REACH
No. 1	GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL	350+
No. 3	READING FESTIVAL	320
No. 5	LEEDS FESTIVAL	280
No. 8	WIRELESS FESTIVAL	240
No. 10	ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL	200
No. 12	DOWNLOAD FESTIVAL	170
No. 15	LATITUDE FESTIVAL	140
No. 20	HEADLINERS	110
No. 25	MAIN STAGE	90
No. 30	SUPPORTING ACT	70
No. 35	RISING STARS	50
No. 40	ON THE CHARTS	30



EVERY DAY MATTERS



EVERY IMPROVEMENT MATTERS



EVERY STUDENT MATTERS



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE THE BEST FROM EVERYONE



BE HERE.



BE ON TIME.



BE ONE BAND BETTER.



Kettering Buccleuch Academy
The best in everyone™
Part of United Learning

COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE INTEGRITY KINDNESS

Kettering Buccleuch Academy



Mr Holmes
Vice Principal

Arbor Application – Parent Portal

Arbor Parent Portal provides parents with **live** information regarding **behaviour**, **attendance** and **academic performance**


All **academic reports** issued for students are stored electronically and are accessible at any time via the Arbor Parent Portal.

As all reports are shared with parents via the Arbor Parent Portal, it is important that we are provided with your **email address** in order to facilitate this.

Parents with more than 1 child at the school can view **all** their children's information on Arbor Parent Portal at once

Access via kettering-bucleuch.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index/

App is available through **Apple Store** and **Google Play**

We're using  **Arbor**

Who are Arbor?

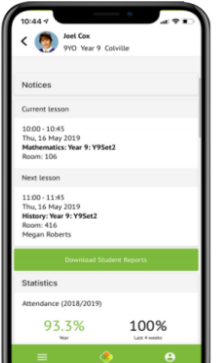
Your child's school has chosen Arbor as their MIS provider. An MIS is a system that helps schools collect, store, manage and use all the information they need. Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS, meaning the data isn't physically stored in school, making Arbor super secure as computer theft or damage at the school would not lead to data loss or a data breach. It also means you can log into Arbor to see and update your child's information or make payments and bookings yourself!

Arbor was founded in 2011 by a small group of people on a mission to create a simple, smart MIS system that would help schools learn from their data to save teachers time and ultimately improve student outcomes.

How can parents use Arbor?

Here's how you can use Arbor:

- Log into Parent Portal for Google Chrome on computers or laptops
- Download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store then log in on your phone (For Android 5.0 or iOS 10.0 and upwards)
- Your school can then send you in-app messages. Your school can also send you emails, letters or SMS from their Arbor system.



The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for a parent. At the top, it displays the user's name 'Joel Cox' and 'Y9D Year 9 Colville'. Below this, there are sections for 'Notices', 'Current lesson', and 'Next lesson'. The 'Current lesson' section shows '10:00 - 10:45', 'Thu, 16 May 2019', 'Mathematics Year 9: Y9Mat2', and 'Room: 106'. The 'Next lesson' section shows '11:00 - 11:45', 'Thu, 16 May 2019', 'History Year 9: Y9Hist2', and 'Room: 416 Megan Roberts'. At the bottom, there is a 'Statistics' section showing 'Attendance (2018/2019)' with a bar chart and a value of '93.3%' for 'Year' and '100%' for 'Last lesson'.

Homework

All homework is recorded on **Arbor**. You can see this on the Arbor App or by logging in to the website.

Homework is expected to be completed whenever set.

Please take an active interest in your child's homework. As a parent you have a role to play in ensuring that students recognize the value in working independently at home – this will help to unlock their true potential.

Staff will reward students who complete homework by sending messages home, awarding character points or House Points.

Failure to complete three homework assignments will result in your child being added to a homework catchup session after school to complete these tasks.





We are a **cashless academy**, making things simple and secure for students.

Food purchased at break and lunchtime is paid for using **biometric technology**, so there's no need for students to carry cash.

All payments are made through the **Scopay platform**, where you can also link sibling accounts under one login for convenience.

You should already have received information about setting up Scopay in preparation for the **Year 7 camping trip**.

Year 7 Boughton Estate Trip

In September 2026 we will be running our **Boughton Estate Trip** for the third year.

You should have already received details of this trip alongside your access to Scopay.

The aims of the trip are for students to build relationships with other members of their form, House and with their form tutor in a setting outside of the classroom.

We want them to have some fun!



Year 7 Boughton Estate Trip



Free School Meals

Search for 'free school meals north Northamptonshire council'

Free school meals and pupil premium

North and West Northamptonshire Council have now replaced the county's eight previous councils. Please access services related to free school meals and pupil premium from the relevant authority.



North Northamptonshire Council

North Northamptonshire Council covers the following areas:

- Kettering
- Corby
- East Northants
- Wellingborough

[Apply for free school meals and pupil premium in North Northamptonshire.](#)



West Northamptonshire Council

West Northamptonshire Council covers the following areas:

- Daventry
- Northampton
- South Northants

[Apply for free school meals and pupil premium in West Northamptonshire.](#)

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Mr Cowley
Deputy Principal

Assessment and Academic Performance

Year 7 students will initially be set in English, Maths and Science using the KS2 Reading and Maths scaled scores.

The following internal assessments, completed in the first few weeks of Year 7, will then allow us to baseline the students accurately.

1. **MidYis (Cognitive Ability) Tests**
2. **NGRT and NGST (Reading and Spelling Tests)**
3. **English**
4. **Mathematics**

These internal assessments will then allow us to modify our teaching sets for English, Mathematics and Science from **Monday 28th September**.

Parents and carers will receive the results of these internal baseline tests on **Friday 25th September**.

Important Assessment and Reporting Dates

During the first full term all Year 7 parents will be invited to attend an Academic Parents' Evening to discuss the progress of your child.

There will also be a number of opportunities for parents/carers to discuss how your child has settled in in the first half-term.

January 2027

- Mid-year testing in **all** subjects
- Mid-year report – Tuesday 9th January 2027

June/July 2027

- End of Year testing in **all** subjects
- Year 7 End of Year report - Wednesday 13th July 2025



September Arrangements

We are looking forward to welcoming your child on their first day as a KBA Secondary student on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Students should enter through **Student Reception** and make their way straight to the **theatre**, where their form tutors will be there to greet them.

Please make sure your child arrives **between 8:15am and 8:25am**.

The school is a 'Phone free site' – students' phones must not be seen once they enter the school gates.

Thank You